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1. The following cadres and personnel of the South Vietnamese Liberation Army (SVNLA), Political Staff, Enemy Proselyting Office (Phong Dich/Van (PDV)), were involved in the administration, indoctrination and interrogation of U. S./Allied/ARVN POWs at PDV prisoner-of-war Administrative Inter-Units A, B and C:

A. Command Group:

1. Chief: Lieutenant Colonel Ngo Dao Trai, aka Le Trai, aka Muoi Trai, aka Muoi Tai, born circa 1924, NVN. Prior to infiltrating SVN in 1963/1964, Trai was assigned to an unidentified position in the Enemy Proselyting Department (Cuc Dich Van (CDV)) of the Ministry of Defense, General Political Department. Upon arrival in SVN, Trai was first assigned to an unidentified position in the Central Office for South Vietnam (COSVN), Military/Troop Proselyting Section, for a period of time before becoming Chief of PDV. Source Huynh Ngoc Nhuan heard in early 1970 that Trai was suffering from an unidentified mental disorder. Trai spoke Chinese fluently and had a long facial scar.

2. Deputy: Major Pham Tran Ban, aka Ba Ban, born circa 1925, NVN. He was assigned to the CDV before infiltration with Major Bui Thanh Ngoc. Upon arrival in SVN, Ban was assigned as Deputy Chief, PDV. Ban spoke fluent Chinese and appeared in a VC propaganda film which reported the January 1969 release of three U. S. POWs in Tay Ninh Province.

3. Deputy: Major Bui Thanh Ngon, aka Ba Ngoc, born circa 1928 in Phong Dinh Province, a regrouped. In NVN Ngon was assigned to an unidentified position in the CDV. He infiltrated SVN with Pham Tran Ban in early 1965 and was immediately assigned as Deputy PDV Chief. Ngon spoke fluent French.

4. Interpreter: (fnu) Hoa; born circa 1942 in SVN; spoke with a Saigonese accent; and spoke fluent English.

B. Policy Section:

1. Chief: Major Tran Van Luc aka Nam Luc. (Field Comment: See [] for extensive biographic data provided by Source [])

2. Deputy: Unknown.

3. Staff Assistant: Junior Captain Tran Chau; born circa 1932, Phuoc Tuy Province.

4. Staff Assistant: Senior Lieutenant Thai Thanh Phong, aka Quyen; born circa 1934, Gia Dinh Province; served in a Viet Minh combat unit in the Eastern Nam Bo area; regrouped to NVN; attended the Hanoi University of Pedagogy while demobilized; worked as a NVN 3rd form teacher at the Nguyen Khuyen High School in Haiphong; recalled to the NVA in 1963; and assigned to the PDV Policy Section in late 1967 upon arrival in SVN. Phong often interrogated U. S. POWs at subordinate Policy Section detention camps which were administered by Inter-Unit A (Lien Doi A). Phong spoke fluent French, English and Russian.

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5. Staff Assistant for Research: Senior Captain (fnu) N g u; born circa 1926, Haiphong; was assigned upon arrival in SVN to the PDV Policy Section in 1968; and spoke fluent Chinese and fair Russian.

6. Staff Assistant: Senior Captain Vo D a u, aka Bay D a u; born circa 1930, Gia Dinh Province; regrouped to NVN; infiltrated SVN at an unknown date; and assigned to the PDV Policy Section in early 1968 from VC Division 9. His wife is a civilian nurse at an unidentified COSVN-level hospital. Dau was probably assigned as Chief of the Policy Section Inter-Unit C in 1969.

7. Staff Assistant: Senior Phi L o n g, aka Sau Phi L o n g; born circa 1930, Kien Hoa Province; regrouped to NVN; and assigned to the PDV Policy Section at an unknown date. He often had contact with the Policy Section Inter-Unit A Headquarters.

C. Propaganda Section:

1. Chief: Unknown.

2. Staff Assistant for Training and Operations: Junior Captain Duy H o a, aka Ba H o a, born in NVN. During the Viet Minh Resistance he was a squad leader at Dien Bien Phu. Hoa infiltrated SVN in 1965 and was assigned to the PDV Propaganda Section. Hoa was seen several times by Source Huynh Ngoc Nhuan at the Inter-Unit A Headquarters. Hoa conducted 3-day political indoctrination courses for POWs who were to be released.

3. Staff Assistant: Senior Captain (fnu) Bay T u i; born circa 1935 in either Tay Ninh or Long An Province. During the Viet Minh Resistance he was assigned to a combat unit in the Eastern Nam Bo area; regrouped to NVN; and attended a 3-year journalism course. Upon graduation he was promoted to senior lieutenant and assigned to the CDV Propaganda Office, where he wrote articles for radio broadcast against ARVN troops in SVN. In early 1965 he was assigned to the PDV in SVN. Source Huynh Ngoc Nhuan observed Tui on several occasions interviewing/interrogating U. S. POWs in Inter-Unit A detention facilities. His wife, Hue M u i (a native of Hanoi), was a member of an SVNLA, Political Staff, Psywar Entertainment Group.

4. Staff Assistant: Junior Captain Dao Si T o, aka Tam T o, born circa 1925 in NVN. In December 1968 To conducted a political orientation course for Unit 23 personnel of the Policy Section Inter-Unit A. To occasionally contacted the Inter-Unit A Headquarters and had access to POWs detained there.

D. Enemy Situation Section:

1. Chief: Senior Captain (fnu) Hai C a, born circa 1930 in Dinh Tuong Province, where his wife and children resided. Ca was a member of the My Tho Company during the Viet Minh Resistance; regrouped to NVN; worked in the CDV; infiltrated SVN in early 1965; and was immediately assigned as Chief of the PDV Enemy Situation Section.

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2. Staff Assistant: Second Lieutenant (fnu) T r i; born circa 1946 in Hanoi; and attended the Hanoi University of Pedagogy where he majored in foreign languages. In late 1964 he was drafted and assigned to the CDV. In early 1965 he infiltrated SVN and was assigned to the PDV Enemy Situation Section. T r i spoke fluent English and Russian and was in frequent contact with PDV Policy Section as an interpreter/interrogator. 1.3(a)(4)

E. In-Combat Proselyting Section:

1. Chief: Senior Captain (fnu) T u S e n; born circa 1930 in Trang Bang District, Tay Ninh Province. He was a member of Battalion 302 in the Eastern Nam Bo area during the Viet Minh Resistance. Sen regrouped to NVN and infiltrated SVN at an unknown date. He was first assigned to VC Division 9 before being transferred to the PDV as Chief of the In-Combat Proselyting Section in late 1965.

F. Cadre Section:

1. Chief: Unknown.

2. Staff Assistant: Senior Lieutenant (fnu) A n; born circa 1934 in Long An Province; a regroupee.

G. POW Administrative Inter-Unit A, Policy Section for U. S./Foreign POWs:

1. Chief: Senior Captain Le Hong B i e n, aka Hai B i e n; born circa 1925, Binh Dinh Province; a regroupee; former Battalion Commander and later Deputy Chief of Staff of VC Regiment Q16. After being seriously wounded in the left arm, he was transferred to Inter-Unit A as Chief in June 1968, replacing Le H u e, who became his deputy.

2. Deputy: Junior Captain Le H u e, aka Ut H u e; born circa 1930 in Long Xuyen Province; a regroupee. His wife and children resided in Hanoi. Hue was Chief of Inter-Unit A between May and early June 1968. After the deactivation of Inter-Unit A in late March/early April 1970, he became Chief of an unidentified POW detention facility for U. S./foreign military and civilian POWs.

3. Political Officer: Senior Captain Truong Huynh M a o, aka T u T r u o n g; born circa 1930 in Kien Hoa Province; a regroupee. Prior to May 1968, Mao was Chief of the COSVN Military Proselyting Section, Administrative Staff. His wife, (fnu) N a m D i e u, was a member of the COSVN Military Proselyting Section.

4. Staff Assistant for Politics: Second Lieutenant (fnu) B a H a i T h a n h; born circa 1935 in VC MR-5; a regroupee. His wife, a Northerner, lived in NVN.

5. Staff Assistant for Security Protection (Tro Ly Bao Ve): Senior Lieutenant T r a n D i n h D i e p, born circa 1930, V a B a c Province, where his wife and children lived.

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6. Chief Medical Element: Senior Lieutenant/Doctor (fnu) Muoi H i e n; born circa 1922, SVN; a regroupee.

7. Medical Technician, Medical Element: Aspirant (fnu) Minh C h a u; born circa 1935, SVN; a regroupee.

8. Female Nurse, Medical Element: Deputy Squad Leader (fnu) Thanh T a m; born circa 1948, Kien Hoa Province.

9. Female Nurse, Medical Element: Deputy Squad Leader (fnu) Hong T i e n, born circa 1946, Kien Hoa Province.

10. Female Nurse, Medical Element: Squad Leader (fnu) Nam C h a n g, born circa 1938, SVN.

11. Pharmaceutical Technician, Medical Element: Squad Leader Tran Hong L u a n, born circa 1946, SVN.

12. Adjutant, Rear Service Element: Squad Leader (fnu) V a n g, born circa 1935, NVN.

13. Clerk, Rear Service Element: Squad Leader (fnu) D o a n.

14. Supply Specialist: Squad Leader (fnu) Bay L a p, born circa 1935, Cu Chi District, Hau Nghia Province.

15. Finance Specialist: Squad Leader Vu S i e u, born circa 1946, Kien Hoa Province.

16. Cook: (fnu) Thi T a m; born circa 1951, Cu Chi District, Hau Nghia Province; wife of T r i e u, who was a Unit 3A food purchaser.

17. Cook: (fnu) Thi Tu T r u y e n, born circa 1940, Long An Province.

18. Chief, Security Guard/Transport Element: Platoon Leader (fnu) T r o n g.

19. Member, Security Guard/Transport Element: (fnu) Ho C o n g, born circa 1940, SVN.

20. Member, Security Guard/Transport Element: (fnu) Thanh C o n g, born circa 1938, SVN.

21. Member, Security Guard/Transport Element: (fnu) T h i e u, born circa 1945, SVN.

22. Member, Security Guard/Transport Element: (fnu) T y; born circa 1945, Cambodia; reassigned to VC Division 9 in March/April 1970.

23. Member, Security Guard/Transport Element: Tran Van L o i, aka C a n g; born circa 1923, Ca Mau Province; reassigned to VC Division 9 in March/April 1970.

24. Chief, Food Production Element: Squad Leader (fnu) L u a n, born circa 1945, Nghe An Province.

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25. Member, Food Production Element: Dinh Van Cao; born circa 1935, SVN; a reclassified ARVN POW.

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H. POW Detention/Escort Unit 23A, Inter-Unit A, for ARVN POWs:

1. Chief: Senior Lieutenant Vo Van Thang, aka Nam Thang; born circa 1932, Kien Hoa Province; a regroupee. Thang was with an Eastern Nam Bo unit during the Viet Minh. Prior to 20 May 1968, Thang was the Political Officer of POW detention Unit 21, aka Unit 2A. Afterwards, he became Chief of Unit 23A, replacing Deputy Company Commander Nguyen Cong Truong, aka Sam Truong, who became Deputy Chief of Inter-Unit B, Unit 1B.

2. Deputy: Aspirant Nguyen Van Ty, aka Tu Ty; born circa 1935, Can Tho; a regroupee. During the Viet Minh he served with the Cai Rang (now called Chau Thanh) District Local Force Unit, Phong Dinh Province. Prior to July 1968, he was Deputy Chief of Unit 3A, Inter-Unit A. His wife and one child lived in Ha Dong Province. Ty replaced Company Commander Tran Toc Chien, who was killed in a B-52 air strike on 27 June 1968.

3. Political Officer: Senior Lieutenant Nguyen Xuan Su, aka Hai Su; born circa 1928, Ha Dong Province, where his wife and children resided. During the Viet Minh he served with a Main Force unit in NVN. After 1954 he became an instructor at the Son Tay Artillery School No. 400. He infiltrated SVN in January 1968 and became Unit 23A Political Officer in April 1968, being reassigned from the SVNLA Replacement Company C620.

4. Deputy Political Officer: Deputy Company Commander Ly Quang; born circa 1933, Vinh Long Province, where his wife resided. He joined the VC in 1960.

5. Staff Assistant for Security Protection (Tro Ly Bao Ve): Platoon Leader Le Mai, aka Mao.

6. Chief, POW Guard Squad (Doi Ve Binh): Platoon Leader Pham Van May; born circa 1940, Cu Chi District, Hau Nghia Province; formerly assigned to Unit 21, aka 2A, Inter-Unit A. In March/April 1970 he was reassigned to Unit 2A.

7. Deputy Chief, POW Guard Squad: Deputy Platoon Leader Vu Sao, aka Nam Truc, born circa 1937, Kien Giang Province. In April 1970 he was reassigned to Unit 4A, Inter-Unit A.

8. Member, POW Guard Squad: Squad Leader Huynh Van No; born circa 1946, Long An Province; reassigned to Unit 3A, Inter-Unit A in April 1970.

9. Member, POW Guard Squad: Deputy Squad Leader Tran Van An; born circa 1946, NVN; reassigned to Unit 3A in April 1970.

10. Member, POW Guard Squad: Deputy Squad Leader Nguyen Vuong; born circa 1948, NVN; medically evacuated to NVN post-March 1970.

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11. Member, POW Guard Squad: Le Van L i e m; born circa 1946, Cambodia; a reclassified ARVN POW in February 1970.
12. Member, POW Guard Squad: Deputy Squad Leader Tran Van R i, born circa 1937, Kien Hoa Province.
13. Member, POW Guard Squad: Deputy Squad Leader Truong Minh N g h i a; born circa 1946, Kien Hoa Province; reassigned to Unit 3A in March 1970.
14. Member, POW Guard Squad: Deputy Squad Leader Nguyen Van L o i; born circa 1948, Cu Chi District, Hau Nghia Province; reassigned to Unit 3A in March 1970.
15. Member, POW Guard Squad: Deputy Squad Leader Tran Van L a m; born circa 1948, NVN; reassigned to Unit 3A in April 1970.
16. Member, POW Guard Squad: Deputy Platoon Leader L i e m, killed in a B-52 strike on 27 June 1968.
17. Member, POW Guard Squad; Platoon Leader K h o a, killed in a B-52 strike on 27 June 1968.
18. Chief, Adjutant Cell: Deputy Platoon Leader Le Anh H u e; born circa 1946, Ca Mau Province; replaced Source Huynh Ngoc Nhuan as Adjutant in June 1969.
19. Food Purchaser, Adjutant Cell: Squad Leader Nguyen Van L o c, born circa 1932, Long An Province.
20. Chief Cook, Adjutant Cell: Deputy Squad Leader Nguyen Minh D a o, born circa 1942, NVN.
21. Cook, Adjutant Cell: Source Huynh Ngoc Nhuan, after July 1969.
22. Chief, Nurse Cell: Squad Leader Le Xuan N h a; born circa 1944, NVN; reassigned to Unit 3A in April 1970.
23. Nurse, Nurse Cell: Deputy Squad Leader Vu Ngoc T h u y, born circa 1946, Ninh Binh Province.
24. Chief, Food Production Cell: Squad Leader Duong Van L a n g; born circa 1937, NVN; medically evacuated to NVN post-April 1970.
25. Member, Food Production Cell; Dinh Van S u a; born circa 1946, SVN; a reclassified ARVN POW.
26. Member, Food Production Cell: Nguyen Van C a m; born circa 1943, SVN; a reclassified ARVN POW.

I. Detention Unit 2A, Inter-Unit A, for U.S./Foreign POWs:

1. Chief: Senior Lieutenant (fnu) H u y; born circa 1930, SVN; a regroupee. Huy was a graduate and lecturer at Hanoi University and spoke fluent English.
2. Political Officer: (fnu) L a m; born circa 1930, SVN; replaced Vo Van T h a n g on 20 May 1968, who became Chief of Unit 2A, Inter-Unit A.

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3. Adjutant: Squad Leader, (fnu) O n, born circa 1943, NVN.

4. Chief, Food Production Cell: Squad Leader (fnu) H u a, born circa 1940, NVN.

5. Member, Food Production Cell: (fnu) L o n g, born circa 1945, SVN.

6. Member, Transport Element: Ly D a n h, born circa 1935, Kien Hoa Province.

7. Member, POW Guard Squad: Platoon Leader Pham Van May (see subparagraph H(6) above).

J. POW Detention Unit 1A, Inter-Unit A, for U.S./Foreign POWs:

1. Chief: Junior Captain (fnu) Ba M a n h, born circa 1930, Ca Mau Province. His wife and one 16-year-old daughter lived with him at the Unit 1A base, where they worked as tailors.

2. Member, POW Guard Squad: Deputy Squad Leader (fnu) C h a n h, born circa 1943, Cu Chi District, Hau Nghia Province.

3. Member, Food Production Cell: Tran Hong C h u n g; born circa 1942, SVN; a Vietnamese of Chinese descent and a reclassified ARVN POW.

K. POW Detention Unit 3A, Inter-Unit A, for U.S./Foreign POWs:

1. Chief: Senior Lieutenant (fnu) T u n g; born circa 1932, Central Vietnam; a regroupee.

2. Deputy: (fnu) Ut T r u o c; born circa 1930, Central Vietnam; a regroupee.

3. Member, Food Production Cell: (fnu) Ngoc A n h; born circa 1930, Central Vietnam; a reclassified ARVN POW.

4. Member, Food Production Cell: (fnu) S a; born circa 1939, Bien Hoa Province; a reclassified ARVN POW.

5. Member, Food Production Cell: (fnu) H u e; born circa 1940, Central Vietnam; a reclassified ARVN POW.

6. Food Purchaser, Adjutant Cell: Squad Leader (fnu) Trieu; born circa 1937, Long An Province; husband of Inter-Unit A cook Thi Tam.

7. Adjutant Cell: Squad Leader (fnu) T h a c h, born circa 1945, Kien Hoa Province.

8. Political Officer: Senior Lieutenant (fnu) Nam Tu B i n h; born circa 1930, SVN; a regroupee; his wife, Unit 3A nurse Muoi D u o n g, and her three children lived with him at Unit 3A.

9. Member, POW Guard Squad: Squad Leader Huynh Van (No (see subparagraph H(8) above)).

10. Member, POW Guard Squad: Deputy Squad Leader Tran Van An (see subparagraph H(9) above).

11. Member, POW Guard Squad: Deputy Squad Leader
 Nguyen Van Loi (see subparagraph H(14) above).

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12. Member, POW Guard Squad: Deputy Leader Tran Van
 Lam (see subparagraph H(15) above).

13. Member, POW Guard Squad: Deputy Squad Leader
 Truong Minh Nghia (see subparagraph H(13) above).

14. Nurse, Nurse Cell: Squad Leader Le Xuan Nha
 (see subparagraph H(22) above).

L. POW Detention Unit 4A, Inter-Unit A, for U.S./Foreign
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1. Chief: Platoon Leader (fnu) Q u a n g; born
 circa 1935, SVN; replaced Senior Lieutenant (fnu) Ba
 G i a o, who was medically evacuated to NVN in February 1970.

2. Deputy Chief: Platoon Leader (fnu) Thang C o n g,
 aka T r u c, born circa 1938, SVN. His wife was one of the
 nurses at the Inter-Unit A Headquarters.

3. Nurse: (fnu) Thi T a m.

4. Member, POW Guard Squad: Deputy Platoon Leader
 Vu Sao (see subparagraph H(7) above).

M. Administrative Inter-Unit B, Policy Section, for ARVN
 POWs:

1. Chief: Senior Captain (fnu) D a u; born 1925,
 SVN; a regroupee.

2. Political Officer: Senior Captain (fnu) H a o,
 born circa 1925, NVN.

3. Deputy Chief: Junior Captain (fnu) K i e n, born
 circa 1930, NVN.

N. POW Detention Unit 1B, Inter-Unit B, for ARVN POWs:

1. Chief: Unknown.

2. Deputy Chief: Deputy Company Commander Nguyen
 Cong Truong, aka Sam Truong, former Deputy Chief of Inter-
 Unit A, Unit 23A, prior to 20 May 1968.

3. Other Personnel: Unknown.

O. POW Detention Unit 2B and 3B, Inter-Unit B, for ARVN
 POWs:

No information available on personalities.

P. POW Administrative Inter-Unit C, Policy Section, for
 U.S./Foreign POWs:

No information available on personalities.

2. Field Dissem: USMACV J-2, USARV G-2, 525 MI Gp. OSI,
 NAVFORV N-2, NISOV, CINCPAC, ARPAC, PACAF, PACFLT

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